an aperture situated close to said point and arranged to shape the light beams, wherein said aperture is situated between said light source and said deflection unit to shape the light beams to have a given spot size before the light beams enter said optical unit that forms the images, and

wherein the light beams cross each other on a deflection surface of the deflection unit.

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14. (Amended) A multibeam scan apparatus comprising:

a light source emitting light beams, outgoing beam directions in which the light beams travel being arranged so as to cross each other at a point;

a deflection unit deflecting the light beams;

an optical unit causing the light beams from the deflection unit to form images on a scanned surface; and

an aperture situated close to said point and arranged to shape the light beams, wherein said aperture is incorporated into deflection surfaces of said deflection unit to shape the light beams to have a given spot size before the light beams enter said optical unit that forms the images, and the given spot size of the light beams is larger than a size of each of the deflection surfaces,

wherein the light beams emitted by the light source cross each other at a position close to the deflection unit.

15. (Amended) A multibeam scan apparatus comprising:

a light source emitting light beams, outgoing beam directions in which the light beams travel being arranged so as to cross each other at a point;

a deflection unit deflecting the light beams;

an optical unit causing the light beams from the deflection unit to form images on a scanned surface; and

an aperture situated close to said point and arranged to shape the light beams, wherein said aperture is incorporated into deflection surfaces of said deflection unit to shape the light beams to have a given spot size before the light beams enter said optical unit that forms the images, and the given spot size of the light beams is larger than a size of each of the deflection surfaces.

Please add new Claims 32-35 as follows:

32. (New) A multibeam scan apparatus, comprising:

a deflection unit having deflection surfaces for deflecting light; and

a light source that emits light beams, the light beams overlapping each other on one of the deflection surfaces.

33. (New) A multibeam scan apparatus, comprising:

a deflection unit having deflection surfaces for deflecting light;

a light source that emits light beams in such directions that the light beams cross each other on at least one of the deflection surfaces.

34. (New) A multibeam scan apparatus, comprising:

a deflection unit having deflection surfaces for deflecting light; and

a light source that emits light beams in such directions that the light beams having a spot size larger than a size of each of the deflection surfaces.

35. (New) A multibeam scan apparatus, comprising: